

## ANOTHER MYSTERIOUS BLAZE CAUGHT IN TIME

**Fire Discovered in Rubbish Under The  
Back Stairway of The High School  
Building Late Thursday Night was  
Put Out Before Any Damage Done.  
Either Incendiary or Carelessness.**

While returning from spending the evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. McConnell Thursday evening, J. C. Leedy and Miss Wilson discovered fire under the south stairway of the high school building. Mr. Leedy at once secured a bucket of water and was quite busy when Raymond Sizemore appeared on the scene with another bucket and they soon had it out.

The fire was discovered about 10:30 and just in time as in another five minutes the inflammable debris in which it was started would have been a mass of flame and beyond control.

This building is situated four blocks from any well that could be used by the fire engines therefore it would have certainly been consumed. The building is a large wooden structure and several dwellings in adjoining blocks would have been in danger.

The origin of the fire is a mystery. Starting at the hour it did and at the stairway it either was deliberately started or the result of carelessness of cigarette-smokers who may have been about the building a short time before the fire was discovered.

It was certainly fortunate it was discovered in time, otherwise there would have been serious loss.

Burns has been discussing the proposition of bonding for a water system for a long time but the city authorities have not brought the matter to the voters as yet other than to ascertain sentiment which a test vote showed favorable. While the blocks on either side of the main business district and in south Burns are furnished some protection from the street wells where the fire engines may be used, the remote residence districts have no protection whatever.

The situation demands serious consideration by the property owners and there should be no further delay. Hurry the bond

election and see what the people say. Pay no attention to the pessimist who says we can't dispose of bonds now because of the war, etc. It's a cinch we can't sell bonds until we vote 'em, so let's do our part then if we are turned down we'll have to join the railroad people and other calamity howlers.

### Watching Effect of The Jack-Rabbit Bounty

The Oregon Sportsman has the following comment upon the rabbit bounty now in effect in this county:

It will be interesting to find out how Harney County will come out in her experiment with the rabbits. The history of the bounty law is not one of success. Too often the people who are most in favor of bounties, wish to make a profit out of the common pest. One of the serious objections to the bounty scheme is that as soon as the creatures grow less abundant so that it ceases to be profitable to kill them, the destruction of the pest stops. The creature has not been exterminated and it is but a short time before another bounty has to be passed. It is a question whether competent men cannot be hired, as the Government is now doing and whether these creatures cannot be more effectively reduced in number and at a far more reasonable price to the taxpayers.

For several years the state has been paying out considerable money to destroy coyotes which are the natural enemies of the rabbit. The coyote and jack rabbit problem in Eastern Oregon is a good example of overthrowing the balance of nature.

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### That Male Quartet at Tonawama on May 14

There is no music more pleasant than that of a good male quartet and we have it on good authority that the Rotarian Quartet is one of the best now appearing in the West. Their singing of some of the old favorites such as Dudley Buck's "Annie Laura" and "When the Corn is Waving, Annie Dear," Nevin's "The Rosary," along with some of the latest popular songs, make up a program that everyone can enjoy. There is also enough of the humorous injected throughout the program to keep all interested, whether musically inclined or not, and at the same time there is plenty of good music to satisfy the most discriminating.

M. L. Bowman, who is known in almost every city of the United States and Canada, having sung the bass roles in "Faust," "Aida," "Lohengrin," "Tannhauser," "Rigoletto" and many other well known operas with the Henry W. Savage English Opera Co., is the bass of the Rotarian Quartet. This alone is sufficient to guarantee the quality of the organization.

Harry M. Wetzel, first tenor of the quartet, has a lyric voice of exceptional beauty, and comes highly recommended as a soloist of merit. For a number of years he was tenor soloist at the First Methodist Church in Duluth, Minn., where he was also in great demand as a concert artist. Albert Brown, second tenor pianist of the quartet, has for several seasons been entertaining the public from the Lyceum platform, where he has always been a great favorite. Mr. Brown is especially pleasing in his recitations, accompanying himself on the piano.

Dr. Grover, baritone, is versatile in the extreme. Besides singing baritone with the quartet he is an artist of the first quality on the banjo. His banjo solo playing is of a high standard, so much so that where he is better known he has been called "The King of the Banjo," and this is not the only thing in which the doctor excels. His dialect impersonations are a scream from beginning to end.

If you are looking for an evening's entertainment that you are sure to enjoy, don't miss the Rotarian Quartet at Tonawama on May 14. Coupons for reservations may be secured now from Mrs. Sutton or at The Times-Herald office. These coupons entitle the holder to choice seats when they are placed on sale at the Rexall Drug Store May 8.

### State Engineer Issues Water Permits in Harney

During the quarter ending the first of this month the State Engineer has issued the following permits for the appropriation of water in Harney county:

A. E. Polander, of Fields, has a permit to irrigate 40 acres, diverting water from Trout creek in Sec. 29 T. 39 S. R. 36 E. M. S. Huffman of Andrews, for the irrigation of 160 acres, diverting water from South Ankle creek, in Sec. 17 T. 34 S. R. 33 E. W. D. Huffman of Andrews, for the irrigation of 160 acres, diverting water from W. and E. Ankle creeks, in Sec. 8 T. 34 S. R. 33 E. Joseph Parsons of Andrews, for the irrigation of 160 acres, diverting water from W. and E. Ankle creeks, in Sec. 8 T. 34 S. R. 33 E. Archie McGowan of Burns, for the irrigation of 160 acres, diverting water from Chickahominy creek, in Sec. 35 T. 22 S. R. 25 E. M. V. Dodge of Burns, for the irrigation of 80 acres, diverting water from Chickahominy creek, in Sec. 35 T. 22 S. R. 25 E.

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## SOME REASONS WHY ROAD NOT EXTENDED

**Vale Paper Gets Down to "Brass Tack" In Editorial Comment on Railroad Situation. Harney Capable of Big Tonnage, While Road Stops Short Where no Traffic can be Produced.**

The Vale Enterprise gets the facts pretty close to right in an editorial comment upon the reason the Oregon & Eastern is not extended to Harney Valley. The article quotes President Farrell, "The extension must wait until people are willing to invest in railroad securities; that the portion of the road now built produces practically no revenue; that the land in Harney county is held by big companies which retard development and settlement."

This is the comment: As to the first objection we rather think that the construction of the Oregon Eastern to the coast will divert all through freight from the present hill climbing railroad the O-W. R. & N. The Oregon Eastern presents no heavy grades from Nyssa to the coast and is a certain competitor for all through traffic. We rather think that had the O. S. L. kept the road and continued building, that today the O-W. R. & N. would be a local road from Nyssa-Huntington to Portland on account of those same grades.

As to the second reason, a road commencing at a point where traffic does not originate and ending in a steep canyon through which it has passed for 60 miles out of 76 cannot be expected to have any traffic. Imagine the O-W. R. & N. commencing at Huntington and ending at Pendleton, where would they realize?

The Oregon Eastern is a splendid standard road with the best of bridges and concrete culverts intended for heavy transcontinental trains and rolling stock, an absurd construction for a local road from Vale to Riverside.

Harney Valley is one of the few remaining wheat growing countries yet undeveloped in the west. Its elevation and somewhat greater rainfall than in the lower valley ensures a fair crop of grain every year. The Oregon Western Colonization company is the largest single land holder in the county. Its lands are for sale and are being sold on the strength of the advancement of Oregon Eastern into the country. The sale must naturally be slow through the delay in building the road. Wheat nor in fact anything can be raised except stock, until there are transportation facilities furnished.

Harney county has one valley containing 300,000 acres and another with 200,000 acres. It has the reputation of being the best irrigated of any county in the state and its irrigated lands produce one to two tons of wild hay per acre. Why? Why not more? Wild hay is the best stock feed in the world and can be raised at no cost. With an area of six and one half million acres Harney has no railroad. The O. E. ends in Malheur canyon and has no traffic and Harney might raise millions of bushels of grain but has no transportation, an absurd and unbusinesslike condition, brought about by railroad speculators and illogical from an economic operating standpoint.

Give Harney county a railroad and the lands of the great P. L. S. company and of Mr. Hanley's company will become so valuable that they cannot afford to raise wild hay, but will either produce greater crops themselves or will let someone else farm the land, the latter being most probable. Put the Oregon Eastern into the wheat growing section of Harney and a revenue will be produced even though fears of competition stop the road far short of the coast.

### Four Factors for Farming.

There are four principal factors that in most cases determine the degree of success of farming, as presented to the O. A. C. confer-

ences by D. A. Brodie, who represented the United States Bureau of Farm Management. In the order of their importance these factors are—type of farming, magnitude of business, quality of business, and organization. By type of farming is meant the character of farm operations as determined by the principal products sold. If 40 per cent or more of the farm income is derived from the sale of grain the farm is a grain farm; if from dairying, a dairy farm; and if from mixed products, a general farm. Magnitude of business is measured in a number of ways, such as volume of capital or of labor employed, area farmed or crops grown. It must be sufficient to provide adequate labor-incomes. By quality is meant superiority in productive power, as that of the strength or intelligence of the farmer, the productive capacity of a cow, or that of an acre of land. Organization is a utilization of all farm forces in a systematic manner and comprehensive records of investments, expenditures and final returns. Mr. Brodie gave full explanations of each of these factors, carefully selected portions of which will be offered to the farmers through the state press as opportunity offers.

### Baptist Church Doings.

The ordinance of Baptism was observed last Sunday.

The three months Sunday School contest ended last Sunday. Mrs. Reed's class of boys had a total attendance of 156 and Mrs. Horton's class of girls 142. The Careful Gleaners Class beat the Bible class, the score being 167 and 131. The losing classes treat the winners to a big feed.

Thirty boys were present at the boys class last Sunday.

Total attendance Sunday school 84.

Both piano and organ are used at church services.

Subjects for next Sunday: Morning, "Drawing near to God." Evening, "What are we to believe."

### Save Your Tires

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### LATEST DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE NOTES

(From Our Portland Correspondent)

The Portland Chamber of Commerce has undertaken a very aggressive campaign for the purpose of aiding the small manufacturers now located in Portland and at other points in the state. As a result of a recent investigation, a committee has been appointed to take charge of the work and to extend to manufacturers any assistance they may request from the organization.

An exhibition of Oregon-made goods has been installed on the main floor of the building occupied by the Portland Chamber of Commerce. All the officers of the organization are on the same floor and the exhibit will be explained to visitors by a man thoroughly conversant with every detail. Any manufacturer in the state who desires to exhibit his goods should write to the manager of the Chamber of Commerce and arrangements for space will promptly be made. The organization will make every effort to induce buyers to select Oregon-made goods in all cases where quality and price make it possible.

Mr. J. W. Brewer, who is in charge of the land and home-seekers bureau of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, will start next Monday on a tour of several Oregon cities for the purpose of ascertaining what opportunities they present for new settlers and to co-operate with local commercial organizations in any movement for future development.

An election held in Multnomah county last week, on the question of issuing bonds to the amount of \$1,250,000 to be used in hard-surfacing 70 miles of county roads carried by approximately 2 to 1. It is expected that work will commence within a month and that at least 2,000 men will be employed.

The red soils of Polk county, which have not been found profitable when devoted to grain growing, are peculiarly adapted to prunes, and extensive plantings of the Italian variety are being made. During the past year heavy shipments of dried prunes have been made from this county to France and Germany.

### Nothing so Good for a Cold or Cough.

When you have a cold you want the best medicine obtainable so as to get rid of it with the least possible delay. There are many who consider Chamberlain's Cough Remedy unsurpassed. Mrs. J. Boroff, Elida, Ohio, says, "Every since my daughter Ruth was cured of a severe cold and cough by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy two years ago, I have felt kindly disposed toward the manufacturers of that preparation. I know of nothing so quick to relieve a cough or cure a cold." For sale by all dealers.

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## METHODS OF IRRIGATING ALFALFA ARE TOLD

**Experiments Conducted by Government  
Expert Results in Helpful Information. Bulletin Issued Showing How  
Frequent Fields Should be Irrigated.  
Test Would Apply in This Section.**

Facts concerning the best method of irrigation of alfalfa as determined by the experiment station near Hermiston have just been made known by the agricultural department.

In 1914 an experiment was conducted to determine the relative desirability of irrigating alfalfa once a week, once in two weeks, and once in three weeks. The field which was irrigated once a week for 24 weeks received 9.7 acre-feet of water per acre and produced 5.57 tons of hay per acre. The field given 12 bi-weekly irrigations in 24 weeks received 5.3 acre-feet of water per acre and produced 5.30 tons of hay per acre. A third field which was irrigated 8 times in 24 weeks—once every three weeks—was given 4.4 acre-feet of water per acre and yielded 4.0 tons of hay per acre. Thus it is seen that 24 irrigations produced only 0.27 ton more hay per acre than 12 irrigations. In other words, an increase of only about 500 pounds of hay resulted from 12 additional irrigations and 4.4 acre-feet of additional water per acre. This increase in yield was certainly not sufficient to pay for the extra water and labor necessary in irrigating the field 12 times.

It appears that to irrigate only once in 3 weeks is not frequent enough. The field which was irrigated once in two weeks yielded about a ton per acre more than the field which was irrigated once in three weeks. Thus, 12 irrigations during the season produced a ton more hay per acre than 8 irrigations did. The results of this experiment indicate that alfalfa on sandy soils should be irrigated about every two weeks during the growing season, and that it does not pay to irrigate alfalfa as frequently as once a week.

We do job printing.

### Market Report.

Receipts for the week at the Portland Union Stockyards have been cattle 1657, calves 31, hogs 1172, sheep 3340.

Notwithstanding comparatively heavy runs of cattle the last few weeks the market has been slightly lower to steady, choice steers are still selling 7.50 to 7.75 with the other grades at the usual differential.

Demand for hogs seems to over run the light supply of only fair grade offerings. A few very good loads touched the 7.65 spot Monday. Outlook steady.

Shorn sheep are beginning to come to market and although not strictly fat are commanding very good prices. Special spring lambs are lower while other choice lambs are steady at 8.75 to 9.25, for full wools. Shearings 1.25 less. Other sheep steady.

Tonawama tomorrow night.

### Sumpter Valley Railway Co.

Arrival and Departure Of Trains

Departs	No. 2, Prairie	10:15 A. M.
	Sumpter	2:35 P. M.
Arrives	Baker	4:00 P. M.

Departs	No. 1, Baker	8:30 A. M.
	Sumpter	10:05 A. M.
Arrives	Prairie	2:10 P. M.

No. 1 Makes good connection with O-W. R. & N. Co. No. 4 (Fast Mail) leaving Portland 6:30 P. M., arriving at Baker 7:55 A. M. and No. 17 from east arriving Baker 6:50 A. M.

No. 2 connects with No. 5 (Fast Mail) arriving at Baker 7:55 P. M. which picks up Pullman at Baker, arriving at Portland 7:00 A. M. Also with No. 18 at 10:45 P. M. for points East.

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